XLVII.

AN ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION

Of the Lords and Commons Assembled in *Parliament*.

For the Assessing of all such as have not contributed upon the Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, for raising of Money, Plate, Horse, Horsemen and Armes, for defence of the King, Kingdome, and Parliament, or have not *Contributed proportionably according to their Estates.*

With an explanation of the former Ordinance, declaring, That if any person so assessed, shall within six or twelve dayes (after notice thereof) pay in the money to the Treasurers in *Guild-hall*, they shall give Acquittances for *the same (as aforesaid) to be repayed upon the publique faith.*

But if they refuse to pay, the Collectors shall have power to distrein their goods, imprison their persons, and families of such dis-affected persons, shall no longer remain within the Cities of *London.*

Likewise an Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament for the better provision of Victuals and other necessaries for the Army, and for payment and satisfaction to be made for the same.

Die Martis, 29 Novemb. 1642.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That these Ordinances shall be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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An Ordinance and Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament.

WHereas the King seduced by wicked Counsell hath raised an Army, and levied War against the Parliament, and great number of Forces are daily raised under the commands of Papists and other ill affected persons, by Commissions from His Majesty; And whereas divers Delinquents are protected from publique Justice by His Majesties Army, and sundry outrages and rapines are daily committed by the Souldiers of the said Army, who have no respect to the Lawes of God or the Land: but burne and plunder the houses and seize and destroy the persons of divers His Majesties good Subjects; And whereas for the maintenance of the said Army divers Assessments are made upon severall Counties, and His Majesties Subjects are compelled by the Souldiers to pay the same; which said Army if it should continue would soone ruine and waste the whole Kingdom, and overthrow Religion, Law, and Liberty. For suppressing of which said Army and ill-affected persons, there's no probable way, under God, but by the Army raised by Authority of the Parliament; which said Army so raised cannot be maintained without great summes of Money, yet for raising such summes by reason of His Majesties withdrawing himselfe from the advice of the Parliament, there can be no Act of Parliament passed with His Majesties assent, albeit there is great Justice that the said Moneys should be raised. The Lords and Commons in Parliament having taken the same into their serious consideration, and knowing that the said Army so raised by them, hath beene hitherto for the most part maintained by the voluntary contributions of divers well affected persons, who have freely contributed according to their abilities.

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But considering there are divers others within the Cities of *London*, and *Westminster*, and the Suburbs of the same, and also within the Borough of *Southwarke*, that have not contributed at all towards the maintenance of the said Army, or if they have, yet, not answerable to their Estates, who notwithstanding receive benefit and protection by the same Army as well as any others, and therefore 'tis most just, that they should as well as others be charged to contribute to the maintenance thereof.

Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, and by Authoritie thereof; That *Isaac Pennington* Lord Major of the Citie of *London*, Sir *John Wollaston* Knight and Alderman, Alderman *Bowles*, Alderman *Wilson*, Alderman *Andrewes*, Alderman *Chamberlyn*, Alderman *Warke*, Sir *Thomas Soame* Knight and Alderman, *Samuel Vassell*, *John Venn*, *Morris Thompson*, and *Richard Waring*, Citizens; or any foure of them shall hereby have power and authoritie to nominate, and appoint in every Ward within the Citie of *London*, six such persons as they, or any foure of them, shall thinke fit, which said six so nominated, or any foure of them, shall hereby have power to enquire of any that shall remaine, or be within the said severall Wards that have not contributed upon the Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, concerning the raising of Money, Plate, Horse, Horsemen, and Armes, for defence of the King and both Houses of Parliament, and also of such as are able men, that have contributed, yet not according to their Estates and Abilities. And the said six persons so nominated, or any foure of them, within their severall and respective Wards and Limits, shall have power to Assesse such person and persons, as are of abilitie and have not contributed, and also such as have contributed, yet not according to their abilitie, to pay such summe or summes of Money, according to their Estates, as the said Assessors, or any foure of them, shall thinke fit and reasonable, so as the same exceed not the twentieth part of their Estates, and to nominate and appoint fit persons for the collection thereof. And if any person so assessed shall refuse to pay the money assessed upon him, It shall be lawfull to and for the said assessers and collectors, or any of them, to leavy the said sum so assessed by way of distresse and sale of the goods of the person so assessed, and refusing; And if any person so distrained shall make resistance, It shall be lawfull to and for the respective Assessors and

Collectors, or any of them, to call to their assistance any the Trained Bands of the said Citie of *London*, or any other His Majesties Subjects, who are hereby required to be ayding and assisting to the said Assessors and Collectors in the premisses; And it is hereby farther Ordained, that the respective Burgesses of *Westminster* and *Southwarke*, together with the severall Committees appointed for the subscriptions of Money, Plate, Horse, Horse-men, and Armes within the said Citie and Borough, shall respectively have power hereby to nominate Scissors for the same Citie and Borough, in such manner as the Lord Major, &c. hath for the Citie of *London* and the said Assessors, or any foure of them, to name Collectors, as aforesaid; Which said Assessors and Collectors shall have the same power respectively within their respective limits, as those to be nominated within the said City of *London* have hereby limitted to them. And for the Suburbs of *London* and *Westminster*, the respective Knights of the Shire where the said Suburbs are, shall have hereby the like power to name Assessors, and they so named, or any foure of them, and the Collectors by them to be nominated, or any of them within their respective limits, shall have the like power respectively as the Assessors and Collectors for *London* have by vertue of this Ordinance. And be it ordained that the sums so assessed and levied, as aforesaid, shall be payd in at Guild-Hall *London*, to the hands of Sir *John Wollaston* Knight, *John Warner*, *John Towes*, and *Thomas Andrews*, Aldermen, or any two of them; And the Assessors and Collectors to be nominated by vertue hereof shall weekly report to the Committee of the House of Commons, for the Propositions aforesaid, what summes of money have been assessed, and what summes have been levied weekly, according to the purport hereof. And the said moneys so levied and paid in shall be issued forth in such sort as the other moneys raised upon the Propositions aforesaid, and not otherwise.

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Die Martis, 29 Novemb. 1642.

WHereas a late Ordinance is paſſed by both Houſes of Parliament for the Reaſons therein declared, for the aſſeſſing of all ſuch perſons within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the ſuburbs thereof, with the Burrough of *Southwarke*, as have not contributed upon the Propoſitions of both Houſes of Parliament, for raiſing of money, plate, horſe, horſemen, and arms, for defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdom, or have not contributed proportionably to their eſtates and abilities. And whereas it is thought fit that ſome additions be made for further explanation and better execution of the ſaid Ordinance: Be it further ordained and declared by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that ſuch perſons as ſhall be aſſeſſed by the reſpective aſſeſſours in the ſaid Ordinance appointed, and ſhall within ſix dayes next after notice given to them, or left at their ſeverall houſes within the ſaid Cities, Suburbs, or Burrough, pay in the one moitie of the ſaid ſums of money ſo aſſeſſed, and within twelve dayes after the ſaid notice given as aforeſaid, the other moity thereof, unto the Treaſurers of money and plate in *Guild-hall London*, or unto the Collectors appointed by the ſaid Ordinance, reſpectively to receive the ſame, that then the ſaid Treaſurers, or Collectors, ſhall give Acquittances for the ſame, as hath been done to ſuch who have lent moneys or plate, upon the Propoſitions of both Houſes as aforeſaid. And the ſaid moneys ſo paid to the ſaid Treaſurers, or to the ſaid ſeverall Collectors, ſhall be repaid upon the publick Faith, as all other moneys lent upon the ſaid Propoſitions of both Houſes. And as for thoſe who ſhall ſo far diſcover their diſaffection, as not to bring in the ſeverall ſums of money ſo aſſeſſed upon them to the perſons before appointed, within the times limited, that then their goods ſhall be diſtrained and ſold according to the ſaid Ordinance. And if no ſufficient diſtreſſe be found, that then the ſaid Collectors ſhall reſpectively have power to enquire of any ſum or ſums of money due, or to be due unto them reſpectively ſo aſſeſſed from any perſon or perſons for any Rents, Tithes, Goods, or Debts, or for any other thing or cauſe whatſoever.

And the said respective Collectors shall have power by vertue of this Ordinance, to receive all or any part of the said sums due, or to be due unto them or any of them so assessed, untill the full value of the sum or sums so assessed, and the charges in levying and recovering of the same shall be received and satisfied, And the said respective Collectors shall have further power to compound for any of the said Rents, Tithes, Goods, or Debts, due unto the said persons so assessed respectively as aforesaid, with any person or persons by whom the said Rents, Goods, or Debts, are or shall be owing, as also to give full and ample discharge for the money by them so received, upon composition or otherwise, which discharges shall be good and effectuall to all intents and purposes; And if the sum or sums of Money so assessed cannot be leavyed by any of these means or wayes, then the persons so respectively assessed, shall be imprisoned in such places of this Kingdom, and for so long time as the Committee of the House of Commons for the Examinations, shall appoint and order: And the families of all such persons so imprisoned, shall no longer remain within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Suburbs and the Counties adjacent.

And be it further ordained, that all and every the Assessors and Collectors of the said severall sums, shall have the protection of both Houses of Parliament, for their indemnity in this service, and receive such reasonable allowances for their pains taken and charges disbursed, or to be disbursed therein as the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of Money and other necessaries for the Army, raised by the Parliament, shall apportion and appoint.

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AN ORDINANCE OF Both Houses of *Parliament*,

For the better Provision of Victuals and other necessaries for the Army, and for the payment and satisfactions to be made for such Provisions.

Die Martis, 29. Novemb. 1642.

IT is Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That Committees shall be named in all Counties, to take care for Provisions of Victuals for the Army raised by the Parliament, as likewise for the taking up of Horses for service in the Field, Dragooners, and Draught-horses, as likewise for borrowing of Money or Plate to supply the Army. Which Committees or any two more of them, shall have power and authoritie to value all kind of Provisions both for Men and Horse, all kind of Horse for service, or otherwise which shall be voluntarily offered to be lent upon the publick Faith, or likewise to receive any money or plate to be lent as before; and that upon Certificate of any two of such Committees, the same provisions of Horses, Money, and Plate, and the value thereof shall be entred by the Treasurer of the Propositions, and shall be repayed to the party from whom the same was received, with like Consideration as other Money lent.

And in case the owners of such provisions, money, plate, and horse, shall refuse or neglect to bring in the same upon publick Faith, for the use of the Army, for the better preventing the spoyle and embezeling of such provisions of money, plate, and horses, by the disorder of the Souldiers, and that they may not come into the hands of the Enemies: It is further ordered, That the Committees afore-mentioned, or any two of them, be hereby authorized and enabled

enabled to send for such provisions, money, plate, and horses, and take the same into their custody, and to set an indifferent value and Rate upon them: Which Value they shall certifie to the Treasurers for the Propositions; to be repaid at such time, and in such manner, as shall be ordered by both Houses of Parliament. It is likewise Ordered, That the said Committees of the severall and respective Counties shall meet and consult with the Committees of the adjacent and neighbour Counties, unto the place or places where the said Army or any part thereof shall passe and remain, concerning the Receiving, procuring, valuing, and disposing of such provisions, horses, money, and plate. And if they cannot conveniently meet, that then it shall be lawfull for any two, or more of the Committee, to execute the severall Services above mentioned in the adjoyning Counties, as well as in the County wherein he is named a Committee, and that such Certificates as they shall make of any provisions, horses, money, or plate, shall be as effectuall for the Returnes of the parties, as if the same were received and taken within the County for which he or they are named Committees. And the said Committees, or any two, or more of them, shall cause the said provisions to be delivered to the Commissary for the Victuals, or to his Deputy, and such other Officers of the Army, who may be charged with the same upon their Accompts, and shall cause the Treasurer of the Army, or his Deputy, that the Declaration of the value thereof may be made out of the pay of such Officers and Souldiers as shall receive the same. And the said Committees shall likewise cause all such money or plate to be delivered unto the Treasurer of the Army, or his Deputy, who shall take care to convey the plate unto the Treasurer for the Propositions, and shall be charged with all such money upon his Accompt as with other money received from them.

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